

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

STEPHEN D. CAIAZZO,
Plaintiff

v.

THE MEDALLION INSURANCE
AGENCIES, INC.,
Defendant

CIVIL ACTION NO.
04-12627 RCL

**MOTION IN LIMINE BY THE MEDALLION INSURANCE AGENCIES, INC., TO
PRECLUDE INTRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE OR ARGUMENT CONCERNING
LACK OF NOTICE OF SUIT**

The defendant, The Medallion Insurance Agencies, Inc., hereby moves to preclude the plaintiff, Stephen D. Caiazzo, from seeking to introduce evidence that he did not receive notice of the underlying District Court action in March of 1998, or of the underlying Superior Court action in March of 2002. The plaintiff should be precluded from introducing any such evidence based on the principles of collateral estoppel. Plaintiff alleges in this case and is expected to testify that he did not become aware of the underlying suits until late 2002, after defaults had been entered. Such alleged unawareness is a key element of his liability claim against the defendant, Medallion. Such testimony should be barred by the Essex Superior Court's specific finding and judgment that the Essex Superior Court action was "duly served on" the plaintiff in March of 2002. His testimony as to the Malden District Court action should be barred by the Malden District Court's finding, which is either express or implied in that court's default judgment, that that action was duly served on the plaintiff's corporation in March of 1998.

I. Procedural Background

In 1998, an individual named Joseph Cuttichia sued a corporation known as Donna's Pub Inc. d/b/a Cai's Food & Spirits (hereinafter, "Cai's"), in the Malden District Court. Cuttichia alleged he sustained personal injuries on or about September 13, 1996 as a result of an altercation at Cai's. Service was made in hand at the corporate business address of Cai's, at 131 Exchange Street, Malden, MA, on March 3, 1998 (see Return of Service, attached hereto as "Exhibit A"). Cai's defaulted, damages were assessed, judgment entered, and an execution issued. (Exhibit B, Writ of Execution 2-2-99)

Cuttichia later filed suit against Caiazzo, individually, in the Essex Superior Court, to pierce the corporate veil and enforce the underlying judgment. The Essex Superior Court action was served upon Mr. Caiazzo as an individual at his last and usual place of abode on March 22, 2002 (see Return of Service, attached hereto as "Exhibit C"). Caiazzo failed to appear and was defaulted under Rule 55(a) on September 9, 2002. (Exhibit D). Cuttichia's counsel then moved for an assessment of damages and a default judgment. (Exhibit E).

The plaintiff acknowledges that he became aware of the underlying actions by December, 2002. (Exhibit F, Plaintiff's deposition, Vol. I, pp. 106-109).

On December 5, 2002, the court held an assessment hearing, and awarded damages. (Exhibit G). In this order, the court specifically ruled that "Defts did not appear although notices was given." (Exhibit G). At the same, the court issued notice that a real estate attachment hearing would be held on January 7, 2003. (Exhibit H).

The default judgment was entered against Caiazzo in his individual capacity. Following the December 2002 default and assessment proceedings before Judge Kottmyer, a judgment was entered against Caiazzo in the amount of \$39,805.03. The Judgment which entered on January

8, 2003 specifically states that “the summons and complaint were duly served upon the defendant(s)”, including Mr. Caiazzo (see Judgment of Default Upon Assessment of Damages Pursuant to Mass.R.Civ.P. 55(b)(2), attached hereto as Exhibit I).

Following that judgment, the Essex Superior Court issued an execution against Caiazzo in the amount of approximately \$41,000. In connection therewith, Cuttichia obtained a lien against Caiazzo's real property. In April, 2003, Caiazzo allegedly agreed to pay Cuttichia \$35,000 from the sale of his encumbered property and the Essex Superior Court action, and this amount now constitutes plaintiff's alleged damages in the case against Medallion.

II. Argument

Any evidence which might be proffered by the plaintiff that he did not receive proper service, and therefore notice, of the aforementioned summons and complaints, should be precluded based on principles of collateral estoppel. A Judgment by Default pursuant to Mass.R.Civ.P. 55(b), was entered in both the Malden District Court case and the Essex Superior Court case. In both cases, the courts ruled, either expressly or impliedly, that the summons and complaints had been duly served.

Whether a federal court is to accord collateral estoppel effect to a state court judgment is controlled by state law. See *New Hampshire Motor Transp. Ass'n v. Town of Plaistow*, 67 F.3d 326, 328 (1st Cir.1995). Under Massachusetts law, “collateral estoppel precludes relitigation of issues determined in prior actions between the parties or those in privity with the parties, [provided the issues were] actually litigated in the first action, and determined by a ‘final judgment on the merits.’” *Sena v. Commonwealth*, 417 Mass. 250 (1994) (citations omitted). A default judgment operates as a final disposition of the claims brought in the complaint and has

the same effect as a judgment rendered after a trial on the merits. *United States v. \$23,000 in United States Currency*, 356 F.3d 157, 163 (1st Cir.2004).

The Judgments of Default entered in Malden District Court and Essex Superior Court state that service was proper in both cases. Indeed, such findings as to the propriety of service then became, both factually and as a matter of law, the foundation on which the courts then assessed damages and entered default judgments. When he did indisputably learn of the underlying actions, by December 2002, if there was a problem with service it was incumbent upon him to challenge service at that time. Indeed, at that time, the default judgment had not even been entered yet. The plaintiff could have filed a Rule 55 (c) request to set aside the default, based upon allegedly improper service. The plaintiff did not do so, and should not now be allowed to do so.

Likewise, after the default judgment had been entered, in January 2003, the plaintiff could have filed a Rule 60 (b) motion for relief from the judgment, based upon allegedly improper service. The plaintiff did not do so – indeed, rather than challenging service, he settled with Cuttichia and allegedly paid him out of his own pocket.

Proper service of the summons and complaint is implicit in a ruling for Entry of Default Judgment pursuant to Mass. R.Civ.P. 55(b). Therefore, the plaintiff is collaterally estopped in the present case from testifying that he did not get notice of the prior actions, which he will presumably try to do in an effort to show he acted reasonably. He should not be allowed to do so, because this issue has been twice adjudicated against him. The issue of service has been resolved by actual judicial determination, and should be given preclusive effect in this subsequent litigation.

III. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, the defendant, The Medallion Insurance Agencies, Inc., respectfully requests that its motion be ALLOWED.

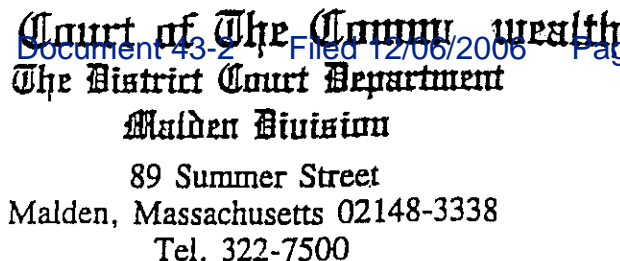
THE MEDALLION INSURANCE AGENCIES, INC.

By its attorney,



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BBO #551261
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s/WDC



JOSEPH CUTICCHIA,
Plaintiff

Civil Action No. 2012-0017

DONNA'S PUB, INC.
Defendant

SUMMONS

(Rule 4)

To defendant Donna's Pub, Inc. of 131 Exchange Street, Malden, MA
(name) (address)

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon Ronald W. Dunbar, Jr., plaintiff's attorney), whose address is 197 Portland Street, Boston, MA 02114, a copy of your answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 days after service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. You are also required to file your answer to the complaint in the office of the Clerk of this court either before service upon plaintiff(s attorney), or within 5 days thereafter. If you fail to meet the above requirements, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You need not appear personally in court to answer the complaint.

Unless otherwise provided by Rule 13(a), your answer must state as a counterclaim any claim which you may have against the plaintiff which arises out of the transaction or occurrence that is the subject matter of the plaintiff's claim or you will be barred from making such claim in any other action.

WITNESS PAUL J. CAVANAUGH, Presiding Justice, on February 25, 1998

(SEAL)

(date

Joseph E. Cohen
Clerk

Clerk

- Note: (1) When more than one defendant is involved, the names of all defendants should appear in the action. If a separate summons is used for each defendant, each should be addressed to the particular defendant.
- (2) The number assigned to the complaint by the Clerk at commencement of the action should be affixed to this summons before it is served.

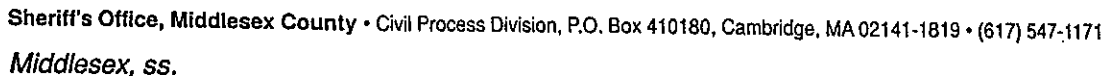
RETURN OF SERVICE

On

(date of service)

I served a copy of the within summons, together with a copy of the

1. In this action, sue the within named defendant in the following manner (see Rule 4(d) (1-5):



March 5, 1998

I hereby certify and return that on 03/03/98 at 12:45pm I served a true and attested copy of the summons and complaint & DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL & STATEMENT OF DAMAGES, INTERROGATORIES, REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS in this action in the following manner: To wit, by delivering in hand to KAREN WARE, agent, person in charge at the time of service for DONNA'S PUB INC., 131 EXCHANGE ST., Malden, MA. Fees: Service \$15.00, Conveyance \$2.10, Attest \$3.00, P&H \$1.00, Travel \$3.10, Total Fees \$24.20

Зачеми не каже

Deputy Sheriff

Malden District Court 89 Summer Street Malden, MA. 02148	Joseph Cuticchia	Donna's Pub, Inc. d/b/a Ciasc
	PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY L.O. of Steven R. Whitman 197 Portland Street Boston, MA 02114	DEFENDANT ATTORNEY
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		<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMARY PROCESS <input type="checkbox"/> VICTIM VIOLENT CRIME <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER CIVIL

WRIT OF EXECUTION ON MONEY JUDGMENT

To the Sheriffs of the several counties of the Commonwealth or their deputies, or (subject to the limitations of G.L. c. 41, § 92) any Constable of any city or town within the Commonwealth:

The plaintiff named above has recovered judgment against the defendant in the amount shown below.

WE COMMAND you, therefore, to cause payment to be made to the plaintiff in the amount of the judgment total shown below, plus postjudgment interest thereon until the date of payment in accordance with G.L. c. 235, § 8, and to collect your own fees as provided by law, from out of the value of any real or personal property of the defendant found within your territorial jurisdiction.

This execution is valid for twenty years from the date of judgment. It must be returned to the court along with your return of service within ten days after this judgment has been satisfied or discharged, or after twenty years if this judgment remains unsatisfied or undischarged.

FIRST JUSTICE WITNESS: Paul Cavanaugh	DATE OF ISSUE 2-2-99	CLERK-MAGISTRATE OR ASSISTANT CLERK X <i>[Signature]</i>				
OFFICER'S RETURN		DATE OF SERVICE:				
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TOTAL FEES _____		SIGNATURE OF OFFICER _____				
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Essex County Sheriff's Department • PO Box 2019 • Salem, MA 01970 • 978-750-1900 ext. 3590
Essex, ss.

March 26, 2002

I hereby certify and return that on 03/22/02 at 4:45pm I served a true and attested copy of the summons and complaint, civil action cover sheet, tracking order and exhibits in this action in the following manner: To wit, by leaving at the last and usual place of abode of Calazzo, Stephen, 54 Pleasant Street, Rockport, MA. and by mailing first class to the above address on 03/25/02. Fees: Service \$10.00, Conveyance \$4.50, Attest \$4.00, P&H \$1.95, Travel \$6.60, Total Fees \$27.05

Deputy Sheriff Ulrick LaFontant

Ulrick LaFontant
Deputy Sheriff

Dated: , 20 .

N.B. TO PROCESS SERVER:-

PLEASE PLACE DATE YOU MAKE SERVICE ON DEFENDANT IN THIS BOX ON THE ORIGINAL AND ON COPY SERVED ON DEFENDANT.

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COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS

SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL ACTION
No.

ESSEX, ss.

Plaintiff(s)

v.

Defendant(s)

SUMMONS
(Mass. R. Civ. P. 4)

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**County of Essex
The Superior Court**

CIVIL DOCKET# ESCV2002-00498

RE: Cuticchia v Donna's Pub Inc et al

TO: Daniel P Munnely, Esquire
Whitman Law Offices (Steven R)
197 Portland Street
5th floor
Boston, MA 02114

DEFAULT ORDER (Mass. R. CIV. P. 55a)

The defendant(s) named below, having failed to plead or otherwise defend in the above referenced case as required by MRCP 12(a), is(are) hereby defaulted pursuant to MRCP 55(a):

Default (55a) as to defendant(s) Stephen Calazzo. Copies mailed September 09, 2002

The plaintiff shall file:

1. A motion for an assessment of damages and default judgment pursuant to Mass. R.Civ.P.55(b)2 and subject to Mass.R.Civ.P.54(b) by **10/09/2002**, or
2. A request for Default Judgment pursuant to Mass.R.Civ.P. 55(b)1 and subject to Mass.R.Civ.P.54(b) by **10/09/2002**(contract-sum certain only).

Lawrence
Dated at ~~Salem~~, Massachusetts this 9th day of September, 2002.

Thomas H. Driscoll Jr.,
Clerk of Courts

BY:

Kevin Jones
Assistant Clerk

Telephone: (978) 687-7463

EXHIBIT F

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ESSEX, SS

ESSEX SUPERIOR COURT
CIVIL ACTION NO: ESCV2002-00498

JOSEPH CUTICCHIA
PLAINTIFF

v.
DONNA'S PUB, INC. d/b/a CIAS and
STEPHEN CAIAZZO
DEFENDANTS



REQUEST FOR A DEFAULT JUDGMENT
PURSUANT TO MASS.R.CIV.P 55(B) 1

Now comes the plaintiff, Joseph Cuticchia, in the above matter and requests that this Honorable Court assess damages against the defendant, Stephen Caiazzo. As ground therefore plaintiff states as follows:

1. The defendant has been defaulted on September 9, 2002, pursuant to M.R.C.P. Rule 55(a) for failure to answer the Complaint. (A copy of Default Order Pursuant to Rule 55(a) is attached hereto as Exhibit A).
2. The judgment demanded against the defendant in this case is for a sum certain.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff, Joseph Cuticchia, requests that this Request be allowed.
SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THIS 7th DAY OF OCTOBER.

Plaintiff,
By His Attorney,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. P. Munnely".

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CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:04CV12627

STEPHEN D. CAIAZZO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE MEDALLION INSURANCE
AGENCIES, INC.,

Defendant.

DEPOSITION OF STEPHEN D. CAIAZZO, a
witness called on behalf of the Defendant,
pursuant to the Massachusetts Rules of Civil
Procedure before Lisa Abdo, Certified
Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and
for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at the
offices of Melick, Porter & Shea, LLP, 28
State Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on
Friday, May 6, 2005, commencing at 10:11 a.m.

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APPEARANCES:

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and Kerry D. Florio, Esq.)

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Boston, Massachusetts 02109

617.523.6200,

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Law Offices of Dean Carnahan

(by Dean Carnahan, Esq., via telephone)

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Arlington, Massachusetts 02474,

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1 married, correct?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. And your wife had permission to receive your

4 mail?

5 A. To receive my mail?

6 Q. Right.

7 A. Yes. Not sign for it. Or if she signed for

8 it, why I was never handed. There's no

9 reason I would sign your name if we were

10 living in the same complex and -- you know,

11 do whatever. But I was never handed this.

12 Q. Right. But all I'm saying is when you

13 were -- mail would come to where she was

14 living addressed to you; and she would accept

15 it and then later give it to you, correct?

16 A. Oh, that happened on quite a few occasions.

17 But it also didn't happen because I was never

18 there all the time. I mean I would come in.

19 I was there for an hour and a half, two

20 hours, and then I'd get up and gone.

21 Q. Right.

22 A. This certainly would have come to mind as

23 being an important document. It was left on

24 the kitchen table along with, you know, an

25 hour and a half of, "What happened? What's

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1 going on?" blah, blah, blah, so on and so

2 forth. That does not ring a bell. So that

3 got there, or whether it was returned -- it

4 could have been returned. I don't know.

5 Q. In terms of -- I mean obviously it's a

6 summons and complaint. And if I understood

7 one of your prior answers correctly, this is

8 the kind of thing that your wife would become

9 excited about basically, right?

10 A. Absolutely.

11 Q. And she would say -- the gist of it would be,

12 "Oh, no. What's this? It's a lawsuit. You

13 better take a look at this"? She would say

14 that kind of thing to you, right?

15 A. Exactly.

16 Q. And would it be fair to say based upon, you

17 know, how she was during your marriage this

18 is the kind of thing that she would try to

19 bring to your attention as soon as possible?

20 A. I would think so. It's not something to be

21 hanging around the house for long, I'll tell

22 you that.

23 (Document marked as Caiazzo

24 Exhibit 7 for identification)

25 MR. CHAPMAN: Dean, Exhibit 7 is a

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1 letter dated December 12, '02 from the Law

2 Offices of Stephen Whitman to Thomas Collins.

3 MR. CARNAHAN: Okay.

4 Q. Mr. Caiazzo, I'm going to hand you Exhibit 7

5 and ask if you've ever seen that letter?

6 A. (Witness reviews document) Yes, I have.

7 Q. And do you remember seeing that back in

8 December of '02?

9 A. It's familiar. I remember seeing Stephen

10 Whitman. And I remember seeing this as one

11 of the envelopes that was taken by my wife

12 and signed because there were two or three of

13 them by the Law Offices of Stephen Whitman.

14 Q. Okay. And you see it's a letter addressed to

15 Mr. Collins?

16 A. Right.

17 Q. And Mr. Collins was representing you at that

18 time?

19 A. Yes, he was.

20 Q. And Mr. Collins was representing you at that

21 time in connection with Mr. Cuttichia's

22 claim, correct?

23 A. This is when I received all this information

24 from my wife that I started to open it up and

25 said this is the Whitman -- I mean Cuttichia

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1 case that's been lagging. And this was the

2 reason why the lien was put on the property.

3 And that's when I decided to call Joe and

4 settle it, find out. And then I went to Tom,

5 and I said, "Here's the guy. Call him and

6 get this thing squared away." And that's

7 what this is.

8 Q. So would it be fair to say that you had

9 engaged Mr. Collins to get involved in the

10 Cuttichia claim prior to the date of that

11 letter?

12 A. This was part of a stack of letters which I

13 have from the Law Offices of Stephen Whitman

14 that were mailed to King Street, maybe

15 Pleasant Street, all of them. Some of which

16 were secured by return request mail that was

17 not signed by me. My wife signed my name.

18 These were opened by me when I found them.

19 These were backdated because the time period

20 extended it from the time she held on. I

21 called Tom. I says, "Get something -- this

22 is what the deal is."

23 Q. Again, I don't want to interrupt you, but

24 that doesn't -- what you just said doesn't

25 apply to this letter.

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- 1 A. Why wouldn't it?
- 2 Q. Because it's not addressed to you.
- 3 A. I understand this. But this is something
- 4 that Collins had called Whitman on because
- 5 Whitman is the one that I called Collins on
- 6 after I received the stack of mail.
- 7 Q. Yes.
- 8 A. So he contacted Whitman and Whitman
- 9 apparently wrote a letter here.
- 10 Q. Right. All I'm saying is this letter that
- 11 you have that you're holding, Exhibit 7,
- 12 that's not a letter that was in the stack of
- 13 documents that you got from your wife and
- 14 that you gave to Mr. Collins, correct?
- 15 A. No. This is the type of letters from Stephen
- 16 Whitman that I recognized as being part of a
- 17 group of letters that were sent to the other
- 18 address that I never got until later.
- 19 Subsequently, this was the follow-up letter
- 20 that I -- after Tom Collins contacted
- 21 Attorney Whitman. This is made out to
- 22 Collins. But the other ones were made out to
- 23 me. This is just a follow up from an
- 24 attorney to an attorney to try and settle.
- 25 Q. And where are all these prior letters from

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- 1 Whitman's office to you?
- 2 A. Tom Collins has them. I have a copy.
- 3 Q. Where is the copy you have, because it hasn't
- 4 been produced?
- 5 A. Oh, I got plenty of copies.
- 6 Q. Well, where are they?
- 7 A. Where are they? I have them.
- 8 Q. Where in your possession?
- 9 A. Well, I don't have them with me today. But I
- 10 have them. Tom Collins had copies. I made
- 11 enough copies for everybody. Tom Collins was
- 12 handling it. I held on to them.
- 13 Q. Where do you keep all these documents? Is
- 14 there a particular place? Are they down in
- 15 Florida?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And where -- do you own the property in
- 18 Florida?
- 19 A. No, I don't.
- 20 Q. Okay. Your girlfriend does?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And is there -- where do you keep it? Do you
- 23 have a desk or a filing cabinet?
- 24 A. I have them in my garage.
- 25 Q. In your garage. Do you have boxes in the

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- 1 garage?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. So it's your testimony that you have some
- 4 letters that pertain to this case in your
- 5 garage in Florida but that haven't been
- 6 produced yet; is that accurate?
- 7 A. I have a whole lot of documentation that is
- 8 relevant to this case, none of which would
- 9 excuse the fact that the Joseph Cuttichia
- 10 case was not handled properly. You know,
- 11 copies of letters and stuff are fine. But
- 12 the bottom line is this is years. And
- 13 obviously two attorneys are trying to get
- 14 ahold of me that they couldn't do and, you
- 15 know, attach my real estate, attach the lien
- 16 on my real estate and got paid \$45,000 for an
- 17 injury that never occurred.
- 18 MR. CHAPMAN: And, Dean, I'll say
- 19 this for the record, I am requesting that any
- 20 other letters -- any documents that are
- 21 within the scope of either the pending
- 22 document requests or the scope of the initial
- 23 disclosure obligations be produced. Okay?
- 24 MR. CARNAHAN: Yes. I made a note
- 25 of that.

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- 1 Q. Now that you've seen Exhibit 7, does that
- 2 help you to tell me when relative to the date
- 3 of this letter that you engaged Mr. Collins
- 4 to help you with the Cuttichia claim?
- 5 A. Well, this letter is dated December 12, 2002.
- 6 Q. Right.
- 7 A. So I probably received this maybe a month
- 8 before. I mean it was a short time. As soon
- 9 as I received all the mail and went through
- 10 it, I immediately went up to Collins. And he
- 11 then did what he had to do to write a letter
- 12 to Whitman or call him. And then, you know,
- 13 Attorney Whitman got in touch with Collins.
- 14 Q. So your best testimony is you retained or you
- 15 engaged Mr. Collins to help with the
- 16 Cuttichia claim sometime in November of '02?
- 17 A. I mean, that's what it looks like.
- 18 (Document marked as Caiazzo
- 19 Exhibit 8 for identification)
- 20 MR. CHAPMAN: Dean, No. 8 is an
- 21 order of notice.
- 22 MR. CARNAHAN: Okay.
- 23 Q. I'm handing you Exhibit 8. And do you
- 24 remember getting that document back in late
- 25 '02?

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Civil Docket ESCV2002-00498

RE: Cuticchia v Donna's Pub Inc et al

TO: Daniel P Munnelly, Esquire
Whitman Law Offices (Steven R)
197 Portland Street
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CLERK'S NOTICE

This is to notify you that in the above referenced case the Court's action on 12/05/2002:

RE: Request upon clerk for default judgment (55b1) re: Stephen Caiazzo by Joseph Cuticchia, Donna's Pub Inc, CIAS

is as follows:

MOTION (P#4) After hearing, the court finds that the piff is entitled to recover damages in the amount of \$36,231.48 plus Interest of 3/6/02. Defts did not appear although noticas was given. (Diane M. Kottmyer, Justice). Notices mailed December 06, 2002

Lawrence
Dated at ~~Salem~~ Massachusetts this 6th day of December, 2002.

Thomas H. Driscoll Jr.,
Clerk of the Courts

BY:

Kevin Jones
Assistant Clerk

Telephone: (978) 687-7463

Copies mailed 12/06/2002

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
County of Essex
The Superior Court

CIVIL DOCKET# ESCV2002-00498-C

Cuticchia
vs.
Donna's Pub Inc,
Stephen Caiazzo



ORDER OF NOTICE

To the above-named Defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that application has been made in said action,
as appears in the Motion, for a Real Estate attachment and that a hearing
upon such Motion will be held at the court house at said Lawrence Superior Court,
Essex County, on **01/07/2003 A.D. at 02:00 PM In CtRm 3 (Lawrence) MA**

at which time you may appear and show cause why such Motion for Real Estate
Attachment should not be granted.

Witness, Suzanne V. DeVecchio, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Superior Court,
at Lawrence, Massachusetts this 5th day of December, 2002.

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RETURN

Essex, ss.

Date:.....

I hereby certify and return that on I served a copy of the
within summons, together with a copy of the Complaint in this action, upon the within-
named defendant. in the following manner (See Mass.R.Civ.P. 4(d) (1-5):

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JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT UPON ASSESSMENT OF DAMAGES
PURSUANT TO MASS. R.CIV. P. 55(B)2

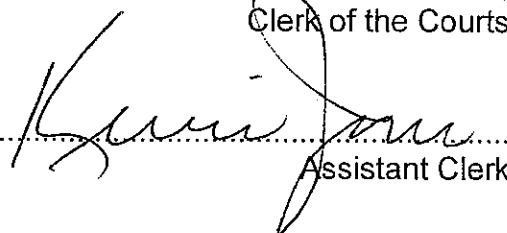
This action came on to be heard before the Court, Diane M. Kottmyer, Justice, presiding, upon the marking of plaintiff(s), Joseph Cuticchia, in the above entitled action, for a default Judgment by the Court, pursuant to Mass.R.Civ.P 55(b)2 and it appearing to the court that the complaint in said action was filed on 03/14/2002 and that the summons and complaint were duly served on the defendant(s), and that no answer or other defense has been filed by the said defendant, and that default was entered on in the office of the clerk of this court, and that no proceedings have been taken by said defendant since said default was entered,

It is **ORDERED and ADJUDGED:**

That the Plaintiff (s), Joseph Cuticchia recover of the Defendant (s), Donna's Pub Inc,
Stephen Caiazzo the sum of **\$36,231.48** plus interest from 03/14/2002 to 01/08/2003 in the amount of \$3,573.55 and their costs of action.

Dated at Lawrence, Massachusetts this 8th day of January, 2003.

Thomas H. Driscoll Jr.,
Clerk of the Courts

By:  Assistant Clerk

copies mailed 01/08/2003